

Burden Sharing: To be or not to be

Abstract

NATO, established for military purposes at the beginning of the Cold War, with the end of the war and the dissolution of the Soviet Union NATO ceased to be a purely military-sized organization and became a unique multi-dimensional international structure. In this multi-dimensional concept of NATO, Turkey's place is too important to be replaced by another country. Besides, Turkey has hosted American nuclear weapons for nearly ten years under its NATO commitments. These weapons were deployed on Turkish lands as part of NATO's collective defence doctrine and were intended to prevent an invasion from the Warsaw Pact during the Cold War. However, NATO's contribution to Turkey's security is increasingly being questioned, and Turkey's position is becoming debatable at the time being. While Turkey has not been able to come under a real security umbrella like the other member states of NATO, Turkey has never experienced a process in which relations are questioned on this scale before. NATO, which was founded as a military alliance in self, has now become a major political platform. In this analysis, Turkey's membership to NATO, its position in the organization and the current point will be evaluated.